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A REPORT *on inner trends and forecasts of significant developments, dedicated to the preservation of the American way and a free democratic economy by the revival and extension of Christian sharing and the prevention of war by the revelation and correction of the causes of war.* **WE BELIEVE** *that Christ's teachings are the measurement of truth; that in Christian progress society will move forward constructively and naturally, thus avoiding the curse of violent changes as represented by the evils of communism.* **WE ARE CONVINCED** *that the American answer for both communism and democratic socialism is a revitalized Christian capitalism that promotes closer management-worker cooperation, greater worker participation in ownership, profit-sharing, systems of pensions or security out of production and other forms of applied Christian sharing.* **WE STAND** *for our country, right or wrong, rejoicing when it is right, but when authoritative evidence indicates our country is being influenced into the wrong, we believe that the greatest patriotism will be to seek through democratic means to set our country right.* **WE HOLD** *this to be the highest service to patriotism and to God.*

War Costs Go Higher

Wars and defense now take 88 cents of each tax dollar! In past reports (BTL Mar. 6, '50) the figure had reached 76 cents out of each dollar, which was alarming enough to all thoughtful observers. But instead of trying to tighten this up or taking action on the recommendations of the Hoover commission which pointed to specific places where military overhead could be cut without affecting our national strength, the military has merely forged ahead with new demands for more money.

The military stranglehold on the national budget has reached the point where it is now the only place left for economy cuts of any consequence. Veteran Congressman Clarence Cannon, Missouri Democrat, head of the House Appropriations Committee, has presented the following break-down of the official overall picture: Of the $85 billion appropriated by Congress for the year 1952, over $75 billion was for "defense activities" and less than $10 billion for "non-defense activities" which means that 88 per cent of every dollar appropriation goes to pay for past wars and present defense, while "regular government" agencies get about 12 cents out of each dollar.

Cannon called the bluff of the vociferous economy politicos who boast of the great "savings" they have made in House appropriations. Cannon said, "Newspapers have frequently referred to the GOP-Dixiecrat 'economy drive' on the floor of the House. They said this drive made large reductions which my committee should have made." Then the Appropriations Committee chief pointed to the facts — that the committee effected reductions of nearly $5 billion, while the much-touted 'economy drive' only found about $162 million to cut. In other words, the

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CHRISTIAN TRUTH AND REDEEMING CHRISTIAN POWER, like electrical energy running through the life of the world, depend upon multitudinous connections, scattered and interlacing lines and junctions. Let one wire break, one connection fail and all up and down the line darkness and weakness result. **When we fail to do our part, we are stopping the current, breaking the flow of transforming power.** Don't be a short circuit! Where you are, what you think, say and do, **does matter.** Keep the joy of knowing that through you the current is surging to transform the world.

X-Ray and Forecast

WESTERN LEADERSHIP, especially in Washington, is realizing at last that we cannot build the peace with guns, cannot save people or stop communism by shooting at them. The situation pivots on these factors: The Atlantic Defense program "is a mess", to quote a recent summary in the authoritative U. S. News and World Report. Headlines about Eisenhower's rushing here and there, conferences in Ottawa, Paris and Rome cannot disguise the fact that the people of Europe **cannot keep pace** with American demands for rearming **without slipping back into crushing poverty which will bring communism in the back door without a shot's being fired.** The U. S. simply cannot rearm the whole world without wrecking our own economy and if we did rearm them, we can't control them. **The realization is dawning that a rearmed Italy, France and Germany might slip away from us and become the backbone of a new "Socialist Europe", creating a third force, both anti-U. S. and anti-Russian.**

THE TOUGH REALISTIC MOSCOW POLITBURO has understood this post-war mood, the world-wide hunger for peace, the fear of rearmament, and has held the initiative in world leadership by pushing big peace programs while they continued to promote internal worker-peasant revolutions within capitalist states. Truman, Acheson and others are now making heroic efforts to regain lost ground. There is no way of stopping the big rearmament drive, for industry and the powerful military blocs in this country do not want it stopped, will fight every effort to do so. But just the same, the rearmament drive is being quietly scaled down, cut in half for Europe; hot war talk is being squelched; earnest diplomatic maneuvers have been set in motion to promote disarmament and generate peace moves. The "stop communism with guns" program has been over-sold and over-worked.

MILITARY EXTREMISM is losing out. We hope, pray this will prove to be a permanent trend. **Military extremism even destroys balanced, stable military strength. We accept the need of adequate defense in such a world,** but military thinking is not, has never been constructive. **It must be balanced by sound diplomacy and comprehensive political judgment.** Of course, with thousands of Americans fighting in Korea, the focus should be kept there. But again military thinking, taking precedence over true diplomacy, has dragged us down into a quagmire that is hopeless as long as a solution is sought by military means.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE cannot understand the long, difficult and exasperating truce negotiations in Korea because few have been given a complete and honest picture of our military involvement with Red China.

After China had long been exploited by the western white powers, **the Communists made their appeal on the basis of race equality, and the ending of white domination.** Mao Tzu-tung rose to power in China on

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Republicans & McCarthy

Distinguished Republican leaders are making scathing attacks on the smear-and-run tactics of Sen. McCarthy. These Republican leaders realize that McCarthy is not only threatening the basic structure of American justice but that he has distorted and dirtied true Republicanism, hence has done incalculable damage to the Party. Recently the chairman of the Loyalty Security Board of the State Department, Gen. Conrad E. Snow, a New Hampshire Republican, attacked McCarthy by name, labeling his charges of communism in the department as "baseless accusations" made for "political advancement." At about the same time, the chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, former Sen. Hiram Bingham, Connecticut Republican, announced that his Board would reopen the case of John Stewart Service who has been repeatedly investigated and repeatedly cleared of the type of charges McCarthy

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makes so glibly.

Bingham in an interview in the U. S. News and World Report, Nov. 23, stated flatly that the Loyalty Review Board **never places charges against an individual without a thorough FBI investigation.** In short, we have machinery for rooting out Communists who have infiltrated into the Government — but the methods are skillful and effective by contrast to the gaff of McCarthy techniques which accuse hysterically but prove nothing. Gen. Snow stated that **he did not know of a single item of new evidence contributed by McCarthy** which helped the loyalty and security board in its investigations. He said that the "dust" McCarthy had raised had been mistaken for "smoke" by the simple technique of "tramping around the nation and making over and over again the same baseless and disproved accusations." Snow explained that McCarthy could raise so much dust because "he uses his office at one and the same time as a platform from which to shout his accusations and as a screen to protect himself from action for defamation. The purpose of it all is, of course, not the public interest but political advancement in a period of public tension and excitement."

Catholics vs. McCarthy

The most important thing that has happened in many months, relative to McCarthyism, is the recent action of the American Catholic hierarchy in condemning McCarthyism in no uncertain terms, (N. Y. Times, Nov. 17). To the relief of a host of liberal-minded, progressive American Catholics, the bishops and other high churchmen denounced all "unfair, unproven accusations and character assassinations for political gain." This also includes Sen. McCarran and the McCarthy-McCarran chief witness, former Communist Budenz, all three of whom have often piously enfolded themselves in the robes of the Catholic Church whenever they have been under fire. McCarthy has made many of his most scurrilous hit-run attacks when speaking to Catholic audiences (such as the Kansas City Conventions, Catholic veterans organizations, etc.)

Sen. McCarran, quick to play politics with his church connections, boasting of his friendship with bloody Franco, has repeatedly given the spotlight in congressional hearings to Roman Catholic Budenz who has in the past admittedly betrayed his country by many traitorous actions. But when non-Catholic witnesses, including such authoritative figures

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that platform and still has the backing of both Communists and millions of Chinese non-Communists on this particular issue. It was in this relationship that Gen. MacArthur, after much distinguished and meritorious service in Japan, made his great mistake; he either didn't understand or chose to ignore this new epochal change in Asia's life. When McArthur mounted his counter attack across the 38th parallel against the North Koreans and announced he would drive on through "all the way" and "be home by Christmas", **he overlooked the fact that Mao, to hold political prestige in China or before the world, could not allow the white armies again to swarm about over his frontiers.** Nehru of India and others warned of this danger, warned that China would enter the war if MacArthur's threats were carried out, but their warnings were ignored.

As a result of MacArthur's diplomacy and military failures, Red China not only entered the war and stopped MacArthur's "home by Christmas" drive but also administered **the most disastrous military defeat that U. S. armies ever suffered in our military history. Much of the press and radio of America, to protect MacArthur's prestige for political purposes, still suppress and distort the full fact of this defeat, but this does not change its historical significance nor alter the influence of these events on our relationship to Asia and especially to Korean truce negotiations.**

Don't be deceived by the defense of MacArthur's military failures as presented in Colliers by Gen. Willoughby, his chief aide. **All top newsmen in Korea agree** on the nature of our Korean failure, although many have had their own writing suppressed or "angled" in their own papers, if their bosses were MacArthurites. But on-the-spot newsmen have a far higher record for truth than do military handouts!

Gen. MacArthur, as one of the West's greatest military leaders, symbolized western domination. Mao Tzu-tung pitted against MacArthur one of Asia's greatest generals, Lin Piao. The indisputable fact is that Lin Piao out-thought, out-maneuvered and out-fought MacArthur on every point. (See BTL, Jan. 22; also U. S. News, Dec. 22, '50) It was only the courage and skill of thousands of American GI's that saved the general from an even worse disaster. All of Asia was watching and beheld with fascination and satisfaction what they believed to be the final descent of white armed power in Asia. All of Asia, non-Communists as well as Communists, have made the most of this event.

Therefore when the Korean war had reached the point where it was obvious that neither side could attain a military advantage by continued fighting, and a truce became desirable to both sides, it caught the American people unaware of the attitudes of Asian leaders. We assumed that our white U. S.-UN military figures would dominate the scene, that the yellow men would be polite and compliant as befitted laundrymen and houseboys in the presence of their masters. The Communist leaders realized that this was still the attitude of the West, hence they have made of **the Korean truce negotiations a pageant stretching over several months, to provide formal and final proof to the West and to the hundreds of millions of Asians that the man of color no longer stands hat in hand before a white overlord, that the Communists have ended white domination.**

Two elements, therefore, have governed the truce negotiations, elements almost entirely unfamiliar to the average American mind: (1.) the **end of white domination;** (2.) **guarantees that no further attempts will be made to restore western domination.** Not only can there be no understanding of the truce negotiations unless these elements are clear, but any truce agreements can only be lasting and dependable as they are judged in the light of these deep seething sentiments so vital to the East and so completely ignored by the West.

POLITICAL TRENDS: It is hard to get the truth about presidential campaign build-ups, for little is published that is not colored to fit some political view. But here is a brief impartial resume:

SEN. TAFT'S CAMPAIGN is now getting the biggest play because he has the backing of the wealthy groups who control much of the press and radio. Therefore, the build-up, like Dewey's in '48, is a deceptive one. Taft is not nearly as strong as he appears. He is sincere, able, hard-working and in many ways would make an excellent president. But he has permitted himself to be captured by the right wing GOP extremists who turned back to Taft when the MacArthur boom faded. These groups have fought most of Truman's efforts to restrain Russia in Europe while inconsistently demanding that we plunge deeper into the morass of Asia's convulsive revolutions.

For all his fine personal qualities, Taft will draw little support from labor or from the millions of small farmers who have found public power developments and many other forms of Federal farm aid a vital boon to the family small farm prosperity. All these programs are opposed by the forces backing Taft, although the senator remains discreetly silent on such issues. Taft's victory over the hand-picked CIO candidate in Ohio has been greatly over-rated, for that election was not an omen of Taft's

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as noted columnist Joseph Alsop and others, demand the right to prove Budenz to be an unreliable character assassin, Sen. McCarran, like McCarthy, immediately loses interest, (See N. Y. Herald Tribune or Washington Post Oct. 15, 19, 21). Therefore every Christian layman, Catholic or Protestant, owes a debt of gratitude to the American Catholic bishops for their courageous action in repudiating McCarran-McCarthyism as they have — and in identifying it as a menace to American freedom.

FRANCO BETRAYS: When the new U. S. military alliance with Franco was made, the news was widely headlined, and the powerful Catholic conservatives in and out of Washington hailed the pact as a great "Christian" alliance. Since then the Spanish dictator has revealed himself to be disinterested in helping western democracy, indicating that he has no intention of having his armies used except in the defense of Spain and then under his own command. Thus he is snubbing the North Atlantic Defense Program. He has made increasing financial demands that have little bearing on strengthening western defenses but are mostly aimed at strengthening Franco fascism. He has refused to carry out a reform within his government, and the new cabinet appointments, which he promised American negotiators would be his "reform cabinet", have almost all proved to be notorious figures — most of them men who had been intimately associated with the worst elements of the Hitler-Franco axis of the war years. American military leaders are still hoping to secure air bases in Spain but not much else is expected to come out of the U. S. - Franco "Christian" alliance.

Progressive Catholic laymen are relieved to hear of the disintegration of this pact, but the Catholic hierarchy, along with their political manipulators, represented by such groups as the McCarran-McCarthy bloc in the Senate, are using their influence to muffle the news of Franco's behavior.

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committee reduced appropriations 5 per cent, and the House effected further reductions of less than two-tenths of 1 per cent."

As long as the economy talk exempts military spending, there won't be appreciable savings. Yet thus far the economy leaders have been afraid to tackle the military power-bloc which continues to spend public money recklessly and wastefully, according to charges made by the Senate Preparedness Committee. The chairman, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas Democrat, presented the following facts to back up these charges:

At present there are 361 generals and admirals in Washington — "only 36 less than at the high point of World War II when 12 million men were in the armed services as against less than 3.5 million in the armed forces today. Furthermore, the Defense Department has 91,081 civilian employees —almost as many as the 98,071 civilians employed at the end of World War II. The report concluded that if this trend continues our fighting forces might end up with "all chiefs and no Indians."

The Senate Preparedness Committee had previously reported on the great waste of money, men and materials revealed by their investigations of Navy and Marine posts, and stated that the same condition prevailed at military camps of all the armed forces. The committee noted that "most of the information received on waste at military posts has come from enlisted men — reserves fresh from civilian life. These men, with their close ties to civilian problems, are deeply conscious of the drain on the taxpayer's dollar."

War's Deception

Until recently reports of Korean fighting implied or stated categorically that American planes were superior to anything the enemy could put in the air. In fact, our Air Force has maintained military press agents to see that this was the picture presented to the public. However, this is a dangerous deception that obscures some of the most important lessons we can learn from the Korean fighting. Hanson W. Baldwin, former naval officer and famous military analyst of the N. Y. Times, recently declared that "The enemy jets have been making more and more progress in attaining their fundamental mission — destroying our B-29 bombers." Even accepting Air Force figures for losses on each side, he describes Korean air battles that were "definite defeats for the UN forces" although in the press they were "hailed as victories". Furthermore he states that

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strength as much as it was a revelation that the workers will not back a union-sponsored candidate any more than they will back one who is banker-sponsored. The workers want some one favorable to labor's interests but **fortunately rebel against any political dictation by the unions.** While Taft could win many votes, his chances are hurt by the company he keeps.

GEN. EISENHOWER will be a candidate if a ground swell can be organized that promises to carry him over all obstacles. But the GOP extremists — the MacArthurites and the McCarthyites — are out to cut his throat. Not only are the radio speelers and columnists-editors, who are attached to the McCarthy-MacArthur camp, doing hatchet work on Eisenhower but voters all over the country are receiving through the mail pamphlets and letters that attack Eisenhower in snide, irresponsible ways, linking him "with the Jew-Communist dominated New Deal, Fair Deal outfits who have run Washington for twenty years."

It is hard to believe that there are people who will be misled by such filth, but plenty of them will and it will hurt Eisenhower. The general is also handicapped by the instinctive resentment against the military brass on the part of young veterans — a resentment which will unquestionably have influence at the polls, although Eisenhower is one of the most democratic "unmilitary" men we have in top military ranks.

Some of the biggest hurdles Eisenhower's candidacy faces are the questions now being asked in labor circles, "What in his record qualifies him to be President? How does he stand on vital issues of the day?"

HAROLD STASSEN and GOV. DEWEY have just about crossed themselves out by trying to be all things to all men. This is unfortunate and we hope temporary for again here are men of high integrity, great ability with excellent training and experience who could serve the country very effectively if they had the courage to break with the feudalistic reactionary cliques that still rule the inner sanctums of the GOP. Both Stassen and Dewey are personally more liberal and progressive than they appear, but they have felt it necessary to kowtow to the financial-industrial monarchs who rule the GOP, and in so doing they have lost their broader worker and small farmer vote appeal. But Stassen and Dewey are both young, able and resourceful. They can build new backgrounds, though that's not likely for '52.

EARL WARREN has all the good qualities of the above men, plus the courage to be liberal and remain Republican. The GOP old guard hate him, and their hirelings in press and radio are trying to destroy him politically, just as they are hacking at Eisenhower, because he dares to be Republican **and** a liberal. But he is the best vote-getter in the whole GOP line-up — can pull the worker, small farmer vote away from the machine-dominated Democratic Administration. He has proved himself to be astute and skillful in handling some of the most difficult political

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"the U. S. has lost — despite the edge in the jet versus jet battles — far more planes than the enemy".

Similar protests were made by the conservative Scripps-Howard paper, the Washington Daily News: "The Communists have been throwing in more and more Russian jet fighter planes. They're equal to, if not superior to, the best we've got. No longer can we send B-29 bombers in numbers on daylight raids. These slow-moving superforts are easy prey for the Russian jets . . . What's wrong here? . . . Out of every defense dollar currently marked for military procurement about half is going for military planes and equipment. Yet Communist jets have outnumbered American jets by as many as five to one in recent battles, and in a recent week our side lost nearly twice as many planes as the Reds. Wherever the fault lies, it is a tragic one — that calls for a sweeping inquiry by the Senate Preparedness Committee."

Medical Reforms

The threat of "socialized" medicine or state controlled medicine is part and parcel of the failure of free enterprise medical practice to regulate itself, When profit-seeking stands above human service, state control becomes inevitable. The efforts of some enlightened medical scientists to expose failure and promote stronger controls within the medical practice, and closer cooperation between doctor and patient along more provident lines, is not a sign of "socialism", as the medieval elements in the American Medical Association assert, but a sign that state controls need not come if this awakening continues.

For example, here is an encouraging trend in that direction:

The Regents of the American College of Surgeons recently adopted a report condemning the more flagrant forms of fee-splitting common in medical practice. "Ghost surgery" was also labeled as an evil; this is the practice of having the attending physician secretly engage a surgeon whom the patient never sees, since the ghost surgeon only enters the operating room after the anesthetic is administered. The patient is led to believe that the family doctor performed the operation, and the family doctor splits the fee with the ghost surgeon. Other fee-splitting practices which doctors were warned against include: A surgeon or specialist paying part of his fee back to the referring doctor; regular payments by a clinic or a private physician to another physician for sending patients to that clinic or physician; acceptance by a phy-

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sician of a rebate, commission or "kick-back" by a company supplying a patient with appliances, tests or medicines.

This report also labeled as unethical and undesirable the practice of combining in one bill the charges made by various doctors, even when the charges are itemized, except from a bona fide clinic whose members are on a prearranged salary or partnership basis or from a hospital where the medical staff has authorized such bills. It was recognized that the general practitioner, who is usually the referring physician, often does not get sufficient remuneration for his part in diagnosis and initial care because of staggering over-charges by many surgeons. The report stated that surgeons' overcharging was not only unfair but that "it encourages fee-splitting because the patient's financial reserves are so depleted that the referring physician cannot be paid adequately for his medical services." It was urged that "faculties of medical schools, hospitals and medical societies should emphasize more strongly than previously the evils of fee-splitting to young physicians and surgeons who are in training."

MEDICAL MONOPOLY PRACTICES were scored in a Washington State Supreme Court unanimous decision in which the King County Medical Society was ordered to stop "discriminating" against physicians who serve on the staff of the Puget Sound Hospital, operated by the Group Health Cooperative. This Medical Society had barred from membership doctors serving the Group Health Cooperative, which meant they could not practice their profession in any hospital except the one operated by the "co-op", and any doctor barred from the medical society suffers other handicaps.

This decision is expected to set an important precedent for a similar case in Elk City, Okla., where the Community Hospital, owned by a cooperative group of farm families, is suing the Beckham County Medical Society over the same type of monopolistic practices.

These practices have been employed by these medical groups despite the ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court in the 1930's which stopped a medical "conspiracy" in Washington, D. C. in which the District of Columbia Medical Society had tried to kill a Group Health Cooperative, organized by Government employees, by barring their doctors from local hospitals. The District of Columbia Medical Society was ruled a monopoly in violation of the anti-trust laws.

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situations in America. He believes in slum clearance, advocates a reform of the American medical system **within the framework of free enterprise;** he believes in such political and economic advances as will restore and revitalize capitalism in the most democratic way. But for these things he is feared by many big business groups. "Stop Warren" is now the battle cry inside the GOP old guard. Nothing could recommend him more!

IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY everything seems to hang on what happens in the GOP. It is well confirmed in Washington inner circles that Truman doesn't want to run again. If Taft becomes the candidate, the Democratic Party bosses feel that anybody with a liberal program could defeat the Ohioan. Some Republicans are openly trying to build up a bid to Eisenhower; the Democrats are watching that move and doing some secret Eisenhower promotion of their own. If Ike doesn't come into the Democrat camp, there are Senators Kefauver and Paul Douglas to consider, both admittedly more able, better trained men than the present incumbent of the White House. Truman knows this, is touchy on the subject and would prefer to see Vinson step into his place. But if things don't go to suit him, Truman may get hot and run again. Harry will climb on the back end of a train and barnstorm the country, preaching high wages, better housing for the workers, more cheap power and electric service to the farmers, extended pensions and health services to the elderly.

THE CRUX OF IT ALL is that the Democratic platform has been winning for twenty years **because it has fostered these necessary and inevitable** reforms, but this has been done through the widening control of centralized government. Thus necessary social advances have unfortunately brought with them the increasing danger of centralized bureaucratic authoritarian controls which slowly drain from the public will the initiative and responsibility necessary for a healthy democratic society.

The tragedy of the hour is that the many able progressive GOP leaders such as Gov. Earl Warren, Senators Wayne Morse, Tobin, Smith, Langer and others have not been able to gain the leadership of the GOP and offer an intelligently guided continuation of these reforms directed towards the fostering and utilization of private initiative, with controls and responsibility residing in local state and community governments. It was this tactic that returned the Conservatives to power in England — a wholesome democratic counter-balance — a trend little understood by the American public because of the suppression of most news here that revealed Churchill's endorsement of Laborite reforms in England.

A DECISIVE STRUGGLE exists deep in America's business ranks over liberal and progressive business policies versus America's industrial and financial feudalism. Any list of America's outstanding business leaders would include: Charles E. Wilson, former head of General Electric and now top man in Washington official defense circles; former automobile manufacturer and ECA administrator Paul Hoffman; Eric Johnston, manufacturer, movie czar and recently economic stabilizer in Washington; railroad executive Robert Young and others. **Yet every one of these men, because of their enlightened views, are now at war with the country's most powerful financial and industrial interests.**

Eric Johnston and Charles Wilson have clashed with big business leaders over the matter of price controls. When Wilson and Johnston have urged restraint and self control **within** the corporations in the midst of the biggest price-boost-profit-grabbing era in our economic history, important business leaders have growled back that Wilson and Johnston were "going socialist". The National Association of Manufacturers led the attack some weeks ago and in reply Eric Johnston not only accused some business interests of destroying American free enterprise by selfishness and blindness but refuted the denunciation of price-control by business leaders as filled with inaccuracies and falsehoods. Charles E. Wilson has had many battles with labor, but the present price-profit situation has caused him to rip into big business for its refusal to cooperate with labor on price-profit-wage controls. As a result of this controversy, the leading business journal, Forbes, expressed its agreement with the Wilson-Johnston viewpoint and stated that "The interest of business would be served better if the National Association of Manufacturers were dead."

Multimillionaire Robert Young has been gunning for the powerful investment houses in New York which have long controlled the nation's leading railroads and have managed these properties on the principle that the interests of the railroad investments should be served first with public transportation needs a poor second. Mr. Young charges that the bankers have maneuvered to keep the railroads perpetually in debt, have refused to modernize equipment, have failed to introduce many obvious and necessary changes long overdue in transportation. With the news that Mr. Young has recently gained controlling interest in the great New York Central lines, a battle royal will soon be on between the progressive-minded financier and the giant holding corporations which still control the Pennsylvania railroad and many other lines.

Pressure Spending

Registered Lobbyists in Washington recently turned in their reports for the first nine months of this year and the figures reveal the biggest spenders to be:

First, the industrial farming interests, who lobby for corporation and big landlord farming operations, are represented by the American Farm Bureau Federation, which spent $637,512 in the 9-month period. Allan B. Kline is head of this biggest of the farm organizations which isn't to be confused with groups representing the family-size farmer.

The second biggest lobby spender is the American Medical Association which used $332,894 for pressure in Washington against medical and hospital services at prices the people can afford. In addition, the AMA's National Education Campaign spent another $77,000.

The third biggest lobby is the National Association of Electrical Companies, which is the current white-wash name of the power trust lobby, which spent $323,546 in the 9-month period to fight all moves to develop more abundant and cheaper electric power.

The railroad lobby spent $188,-013 under the name of the Association of American Railroads.

The trucking lobby, spending $115,448, concentrates on trying to get weight limits lifted so that the trucks can beat out the nation's roads without restraint, but this pressure group operates under the name of the Trucking Industry National Defense Committee and says their concern is in the interest of defense.

Other big spenders include the Real Estate lobby, groups that are trying to ease taxes for the rich and shove them over on the poor, and groups watching out for the interests of Southern sweatshop enterprises.

MONOPOLIES PYRAMID: The factual record of monopolistic growth in the U. S. may be found in the recently published reference guide to big business in America, published by the Federal Trade Commission. This guide lists all the subsidiaries and affiliates of 1,000 large manufacturing corporations. It reveals that the country's 100 largest concerns each have an average of 35 subsidiaries, that the 200 largest have a total of 4,722 subsidiaries.

The biggest single corporation, Standard Oil of New Jersey, has 322 subsidiary and affiliated concerns. Keep in mind that most of these dependent companies were once independent and competing concerns, — and in the interest of maintaining an actual free enterprize economy, many should still be independent operations.